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BY-LAWS ISSUED BY HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR
IN COUNCIL UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE
"HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1869."

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of British Columbia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of British Columbia, acting under and by virtue of the provisions of the "Health Ordinance, 1869," enacts as follows:—

1. Whenever small-pox is present in any locality without the boundaries of any Municipality the Provincial Health Officer nearest to such locality shall at once cause the patient to be removed to an isolated hospital, tent or other suitable place, or cause such person to be otherwise sufficiently isolated, and shall see that he is properly cared for, and shall take proper measures for the disinfection, or, if necessary, the destruction of all clothing which may have been exposed to the contagion, and for the disinfection and purification of every conveyance, rail-car, steamboat, railway, vessel, carriage, or other vehicle which may have been exposed to the contagion.

2. Such Health Officer shall have, in his discretion, full power to place in another building or tent all persons who may have been exposed to the contagion, and shall cause them to be supplied with all necessaries until the period of incubation of the disease shall have elapsed, and no such person shall go, or be permitted to go, abroad, until he or she has given satisfactory proof of successful vaccination within the preceding seven years, or shall have obtained a medical certificate of insusceptibility to the vaccine disease, nor until the clothing or effects worn or carried by or with him or her have been properly disinfected, if the same have been exposed to contagion.

3. To assist the Health Officer, he shall have full power to employ persons to be nurses, sanitary policemen, and otherwise to aid in the prevention of the spread of the disease, and may himself give and enforce such reasonable directions for the same purpose as to him may seem expedient, and the nearest Government Agent shall see that all articles and necessaries required by the Health Officer are furnished.

4. It shall be the duty of every medical practitioner who shall attend upon, or give medical or surgical advice, to or about any person suffering from small-pox, to give notice forthwith after he shall have commenced so to attend or give such advice, to the nearest Provincial Health Officer. When a householder knows that a person within the house occupied by him is taken sick of small-pox, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the nearest Provincial Health Officer.

5. The Provincial Health Officer before mentioned is and includes any person appointed Health Officer under the "Health Ordinance, 1869," by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

6. The foregoing provisions shall have no effect within the limits of any Municipality, save as hereinafter mentioned.

7. In case the Council of any Municipality, whenever small-pox is present, or likely to occur therein, shall fail to make or carry out proper provisions to prevent the invasion or spread of small-pox within the Municipality, and complaint thereof shall be made to the Lieutenant-Governor by the Council of any adjacent Municipality, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, acting upon such complaint or in his discretion upon other information, to order that these regulations shall, until otherwise ordered, apply to and be in force within the Municipality in which such neglect occurs, and thereupon any Provincial Health Officer shall have, within and in respect of such Municipality all the authority with which he is clothed in respect of localities without Municipalities, and in such case all disbursements and expenses paid by the Province, in the carrying out within such Municipality of the foregoing regulations, shall be paid by such Municipality.

8. These regulations may be cited as the "Provincial Health (small-pox) By-Laws, 1888."

Dated at Victoria, this 3rd day of October, 1888.

By Command.

JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

